

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested.

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**Version with markings to show amendments made:**

1. A note-pad comprising a plurality of sheets of paper and a base sheet, each of said plurality of sheets of paper and the base sheet having a top face, a bottom face and side edges, the plurality of sheets and the base sheet being releasably adhered to each other, the top face of each of said plurality of sheets of paper being writable and the bottom face of said base sheet bearing an exposed skid-resistant layer having a thickness of less than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , a static coefficient of friction of at least 1 as measured according to DIN 53.375-B on a stainless steel surface using a static frictional weight of 200 g, and a 90° peel adhesion on a stainless steel surface of less than 0.1 N/1.27 cm as measured according to FINAT Test Method no. 2.

2. A note-pad according to claim 12 wherein the skid-resistant layer has a static coefficient of friction of less than 9.

(Claims 3-11 have been canceled)

12. (New) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer has a T-peel adhesion against itself of less than 0.1 N/1.27 cm.

13. (New) A note pad according to claim 2 wherein the skid-resistant layer has a T-peel adhesion against itself of less than 0.1 N/1.27 cm.

14. (New) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer is transparent.

15. (New) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer is smooth.

16. (New) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of polyolefin based polymeric materials and of materials based on thermoplastic elastomer materials.

17. (New) A note-pad according to claim 15 wherein said polyolefins are selected from a group consisting of olefin homopolymers, homopolymers of substituted olefins, olefin-copolymers and polyolefin plastomers.

18. (New) A note-pad according to claim 15 wherein said thermoplastic elastomer materials are selected from a group consisting of olefin-based elastomers, synthetic rubbers, non-curing polyurethane elastomers and polyester elastomers.

19. (New) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the base sheet is a paper sheet or a polymeric film.

20. (New) Method of preparing a note-pad according to claim 1 comprising extruding of the skid-resistant layer onto the optionally primed base sheet.

21. (New) Method according to claim 20 wherein said extruding is solvent free.